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## KENTUCKY CROP REPORT.

Condition of Crops and Live Stock July 1st, 1899.

Reports received this month from 155 correspondents representing 104 counties.

### WHEAT.

Winter wheat harvest is over and threshing has begun in many of the States in the winter wheat belt. So far reports from threshers bear out predictions of a decreased yield and it is safe to say total yield of winter wheat will fall short of ante harvest estimates.

Threshing in this State was well under way at close of the month. The yield is light as previously indicated, and, generally speaking, results are short of expectations. A few early crops that escaped damage from fly and rust are yielding well. The quality is superior as a rule. The average yield per acre is 8.2 bushels. For the past three years the estimated average yield per acre was, for 1898, 13 bushels; 1897, 12 bushels; 1896, 6 3/4 bushels.

By sections the average yield is, for western, 7.2 bushels; central, 10.1; southeastern, 7 bushels.

The corn crop is very uneven in appearance. Early corn is laid by in good condition and some of it is silking and tasseling. Medium early corn is not so promising, is somewhat ragged as to stand and suffering injury from insects. Chinch bugs are present in a number of counties but the damage is confined to cornfields adjacent to fields of wheat. There is considerable acreage of very late corn as result of failure to secure a stand and the planting of abandoned tobacco fields to corn. Cultivation was retarded early in season but later was pushed vigorously. Corn is now clean but the excessive cultivation necessary to clear it of weeds has left it in poor condition to withstand the dry weather now prevalent, except in sections that have been relieved by local showers.

The condition averages 83, a loss of one point since June 1st. The average condition on this date for the past two years were: 1898, 96; 1897, 87. The condition by sections shows as follows: Western 82 central 83, and southeastern 84.

### TOBACCO.

The acreage of tobacco is estimated at 83 per cent. of the acreage of 1898. A full acreage was planted but the damage by grasshoppers has materially affected the acreage. The destruction wrought by these

insects this year is something unknown in the history of tobacco growing in the State. Early tobacco escaped damage, but late has suffered severely, many crops being set the third time. A majority gave up after the second trial and planted to corn or peas.

Late set tobacco is suffering greatly for lack of moisture. Worms are reported plentiful in a number of counties.

The condition of oats has improved from 82 on June 1st to 85 July 1st, and now promise a good yield per acre. The straw is short but heads fine length and well filled.

The number of acres of clover cut, compared with 1898, is 87. The quality is affected by the presence of an annual amount of "white blossom." With exception of some damage by rain to early cut clover it was saved in good condition.

Timothy meadows are in poor condition, being filled with "white blossom" and other weeds.

Pastures are beginning to suffer from dry weather, and the condition is now 98 as compared with average years.

Fruit prospects have declined as the season advanced. Pears have still a fair per cent. of fruit remaining. Apples have dropped badly, and the outlook at present is for half crop. Early apples are ripe but inferior in quality.

The crop of wild blackberries is small in yield and very inferior in quality.

Lucas Moore, Com.

A resolution has been adopted by the Board of Directors that the Bluegrass Building and Loan Association, at Lexington, go into liquidation.

### West Irvine.

(LAST WEEK.)

We are needing raining very much at this writing.

The saw mill at this place is shut down.

Mrs. Swinchart, who has been visiting her parents at this place, returned to her home at Bluffton, Ohio, last week.

Misses Cordia Amerine, Linde and Dora Rice were the guests of of Misses Mae and Fannie Potts last Sunday.

Miss Cordia Amerine, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Clay Rice at Irvine, has returned home at Portwood after a very pleasant visit.

Mrs. Flora Rice and little daughters, Mrs. Rethia Cox and Miss Una Allen spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Lilly Downard.

M. P.

## KENTUCKY NEWSLETS

Gleaned from all parts of the Commonwealth

Short, Readable Items of Interest to All.

There is one well developed case of small-pox at Lebanon.

The High Bridge Camp Meeting will begin July 21.

Paducah has been placed in the list of second class cities.

Both the factions in Clay county are said to be on the alert and more trouble is feared.

The C. & C. road has placed an order for one thousand box cars to cost \$547,000.

The 27th annual State Convention of the Colored Christian Church will meet at Paris July 19th.

Circuit Judge Eversole, who returned to London from Hyden, reports that there are 100 cases of small-pox in Leslie county.

A woman in Christian county gave birth to a girl babe, weighing twelve pounds and having twelve toes and thirteen fingers.

Luther Blake, aged fourteen years, living near Carlisle, was thrown from a horse and died a few hours later from his injuries.

At Richmond William Turpin shot A. King and wounded his brother, Henry Turpin in a quarrel over a horse trade. Henry was trying to make peace.

Dick Wilkins, while at work in a field near Bowling Green, was shocked so seriously by lightning that his teeth were loosened and two of them dropped out.

Miss Dee Rogers, of Carlisle, was burned to death. In lighting a lamp her dress caught fire and before it could be extinguished, she was burned so badly that she died.

Mrs. Bettie Kelly, of Madison county, went out to catch a horse and some hours later was found in the pasture dead. She had caught the horse, hitched it to the fence, and then died presumably of heart trouble.

During the recent session of the Bourbon Circuit Court one person was sentenced to be hung and eleven were given sentence in the penitentiary. The aggregate length of terms is twenty-four years. Ten of the eleven are colored and less than thirty years of age, and seven of the ten have been in the pen before. —Winchester Democrat.

## Taking Time by the Forelock.

We are cutting, cutting, cutting; despite the fact that the season is now in its zenith. Just the time when merchants are hoping to realize the biggest profits on their goods.

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Men's and Boys' Shoes We will place on sale 500 pairs Men's Fine Shoes, sold at \$3.00, for \$1.79; our \$2. Men's Shoes at \$1.10; our \$1.50 Men's Shoes at 89c. Call in early for Bargains.

Men's Linen Hats. We will place on sale 100 Men's Linen Hats, sold all over the country at 50 cents, will go during this sale at a small sum—19c.

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Sam Adams, one of the moonshiners who shot and killed deputy marshal Russell Wireman, in Knott county in 1889, was captured at Pike City, Ark., having been traced there by means of a letter.

While returning home in a buggy with her husband and another gentleman, Mrs. Redmon, of Cliftonville, was thrown from the buggy and killed. It was a runaway accident, and both of the gentlemen escaped with little injury.

Every one of our readers can write to E. W. Shanklin, Secretary Lexington Horse Show, Fair and Carnival, Lexington, Ky., or call at this office and get a catalog of this gigantic exhibition. Catalog contains prospectus, premium lists for all live stock and articles of exhibition, and general line of attractions and amusements. Liberal awards are given in every class to be contested.